the opening of a canal for benefit of their lands, forwarded by Mr K. T. Mathew, B. A., B. L., M. L. C.

2. Letter dated 17th Makaram 1104, from Mr. Panakkal Iyyakku Variath.

The petitioners are informed that an area generally reported to be suffering from drought during Mundakan season cannot be successfully converted into Punja cultivation irrigated by water brought lower down the drainage area. The proposed canal does not therefore promise to be of much use.

A further investigation will be conducted after watching the next Mundakan cultivation in this area.

(Sd)
For Chief Engineer,

To

The petitioners Mr. Sankunni Panikkar and others.
Through Mr. K. T. Mathew B. A., B. L., M. L. C.
Mr. Panakkal Iyyakku Variath.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, before we pass on to the next business, I have to make one request. I have been asking to have no meeting on Saturday. But that I do not want to repeat. The Council must go on. My only request is: supplementary questions cannot be put by any other Member than the Member putting the question; so any questions standing in my name may not be answered on Saturdays. I cannot put supplementary questions because I am not here and none of my friends can be asked to put supplementary questions because it is not allowed under the Rules. Hence I request that my questions may be answered on any day other than Saturday.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The questions are already in the Press.

President.—Are there any questions of Mr. Salem?.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not exactly remember.

President.—We have got the answers already printed, and we have got in advance Saturday's questions printed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Supplementary questions may be put on the next working day. No other Member can put supplementary questions on his questions. So his questions answered on Saturdays may be put on some other day to put supplementary questions, so that he may not be disappointed. And in future,....

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—That may be done in future.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—This was our cry for a long time.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I do not think there was any formal request. If there is a formal request, it will be considered.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—There was a suggestion and there was a formal request.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I sent a formal request that my motions

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be adjourned. The request about the interim holiday for the sittings of the Budget Session by the Hon'ble Member for Kunnamkulam, all that was considered here. If there should be no sitting on a particular day, then the session will have to be prolonged for one day and the Members who come from outside want to run away.

President.—On this particular point, namely, your questions may be put on a day other than Saturday, was this brought to the notice of the Government?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No.

President.—That is the difficulty. If you had only brought it, it would have been easy to oblige you.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Supplementary questions could have been put by any other Member. Then there is no difficulty.

President.—That is another matter.

Voting of Demands for Grants.

2. Demand No. XIV—Accounts and Finance—Rs. 35,084.

President.—We have finished the consideration of the demand for General Administration. Now we shall proceed to the next demand, 'Demand No. XIV—Accounts and Finance'.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, I rise to move for a demand of Rs. 35,084 under 'XIV—Accounts and Finance" In doing so, I have to state that only the usual provisions have been made under all the heads except 'Temporary Establishment' and the variation under this head has been explained in detail in my budget speech. I think it is hardly necessary to repeat it now. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Motion No. 22.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,117 for 'Temporary Establishment' by Re. 1.*

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I do not press.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

Motion No 22 A.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,117 for 'Temporary Establishment' by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I have tabled this motion for the purpose of calling the attention of the Government to the appointment of the Special Officer for compiling Departmental Account Code. This officer is a temporary officer, and no appointments which are temporary can be put in the list of appointments that cannot be objected by this House, as they are non-votable. It is clear that what the section meant is only the salaries of appointments carrying the sanction of His Highness. This cannot possibly be made to extend to the salaries of

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